

**For information  
on 28 February 2008**

**Bills Committee on the  
Prevention and Control of Disease Bill**

**Responses to Members' suggestions raised at the meeting  
on 1 February 2008**

Including a penalty provision in the Prevention and Control of Disease  
Regulation for knowingly making false health declarations

Clause 7(2)(t) empowers the Secretary for Food and Health to make regulations in relation to the collection and compulsory provision of any information. We will consider including a provision in the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation to provide for the penalty for knowingly giving false information to a health officer by a traveller.

Stipulating in the Public Health Emergency Regulation that unregistered  
health care personnel recruited to perform necessary tasks and duties  
during an emergency must possess recognised training and / or  
qualifications

It would be difficult to define the meaning of “recognised training and qualifications” outside the context of registration of medical and health professionals. However, we will carefully consider the qualifications of persons to be appointed as medical and health professionals during a public health emergency to ensure that they are competent in performing the duties that will be assigned to them. In addition, the appointed persons will be working under the supervision of the Department of Health.

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